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Terry Goddard, Paul Charlton Ask FCC to Review Radio Host's Comments

(Phoenix, Ariz. – April 7, 2006) Attorney General Terry Goddard and U.S. Attorney Paul Charlton today sent a letter to Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin Martin to call his attention to remarks made by KFYI Radio host Brian James last month.

According to a transcript, during one segment of his show, James suggested a solution to the immigration problem was to randomly pick one night a week to "kill anyone coming across the border."

"This type of threatening and inciting speech is dangerous and totally irresponsible for anyone, particularly a licensed body using the public airways," Goddard and Charlton said in their letter to Martin. "We are deeply concerned that, given the intensifying conflict over immigration in Arizona, this speech may lead to violence."

Goddard and Charlton asked Martin and the FCC commissioners to consider appropriate sanctions against KFYI.

"The comments made on this show are an example of how emotion can polarize all sides of an issue," Goddard said. "Everyone debating immigration has strong feelings about these issues, and as we approach the march scheduled for April 10, it is my hope all sides will remember to remain peaceful and civil."

A copy of the letter to Martin is attached.

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